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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite previously amended claim 17 in "clean" format as follows, a marked up copy of the claim as amended is being appended hereto.

17. (Twice Amended) A method/according to Claim 14 wherein the step of adhesively securing the flexible membrane on the open end of the container neck includes the sub steps of applying adhesive material to the flexible membrane and/or the container neck; engaging the flexible membrane and the container neck with one another to define the seal; and curing the adhesive material.

REMARKS

Applicant, through undersigned counsel wishes to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality of claim 17 submitted in the prior reply filed on July 30, 2001. A "clean" form of claim 17 is submitted herewith with a marked up copy to show changes being appended herewith.